

## REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003, the Examiner indicated that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Accordingly, Applicant has amended FIG. 3 to indicate a first portion of the rigid segments (reference numeral 17) and a second portion of the rigid segments (reference numeral 18). A replacement drawing of FIG. 3 that includes the above-mentioned amendments is enclosed for the Examiner's approval. Furthermore, replacement drawings of FIGS. 4 and 11 that include the amendments previously approved by the Examiner are also enclosed.

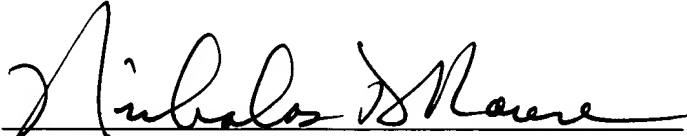
Paragraph [0033] of the specification has been amended to support the elements of the first and second portions of the rigid segments.

With respect to the withdrawn claims 5-10, 15, 21, 22, and 28-40, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 5-10 and 15 depend from claim 1 and claims 21 and 22 depend from claim 16. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 16 are allowable. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Examiner consider claims 5-10, 15, 21, and 22 and pass such claims to allowance. Applicant has cancelled claims 28-40 as requested by the Examiner.

In addition, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 16 and certain paragraphs of the specification to correct grammatical errors found therein. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

It is respectfully submitted that this application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner pass such claims to allowance. This is intended to be a complete and full response to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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